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CPSC, Blue Coral Announce Recall of Rain-X® Glass Cleaner and Washer Fluid

WASHINGTON, D.C.- In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Blue Coral, of Cleveland, Ohio is voluntarily recalling about 1.1 million containers of Rain-X® glass cleaner and washer fluid. The products, which contain methyl alcohol, are not sealed with child-resistant closures as required by federal law. Methyl alcohol, also known as methanol, is toxic and can cause blindness or death if ingested.

Blue Coral has received three reports of ingestion, including two children whose parents called the Blue Coral help line and were directed to immediate medical treatment.

The recalled products include three brands: Rain-X® Super Glass Cleaner Concentrate, which was sold in 10-oz. and 16.9-oz. plastic bottles, is a blue concentrated liquid that should be added to water; Rain-X® Plus Washer Fluid Concentrate, which was sold in 10-oz. and 16.9-oz. plastic bottles and single-use 1.2-oz. pouches, is a pink concentrated liquid that also should be added to water; and Rain-X® Washer Fluid Additive, which was sold in single-use 2-oz. pouches. The Glass Cleaner and Washer Fluid bottles have a measuring cup built into the cap. A label on the back of the products reads in part, "Blue Coral Slick 50 Ltd." and "Made in USA."

Hardware, automotive and department stores nationwide sold the recalled Rain-X® products from September 1998 through August 2001 for between \$1 and \$5.

Consumers should keep these recalled products out of the reach of young children. Consumers should call Blue Coral toll-free at (800) 416-1600 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday for information on receiving replacement child-resistant caps and a coupon toward a Rain-X® product. Consumers also can visit the company's websites at www.bluecoral.com or www.rain-x.com.

Rain-X® Washer Fluid Additive sold in 10-oz. and 16.9-oz. yellow bottles is not subject to this recall.



The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov/talk.html>. For information on CPSC's fax-on-demand service, call the above numbers or visit the web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/103.html>. To order a press release through fax-on-demand, call (301) 504-0051 from the handset of your fax machine and enter the release number. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov>.